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- COOPERATION

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1. FRANK DELZIO, WESTINGHOUSE CORPORATE VP, AND SEVERAL MEMBERS OF HIS STAFF, INCLUDING LOCAL WESTINGHOUSE REP SALAH AFIFI, CALLED ON CHARGE MAY 18 FOR DISCUSSION OF STATUS OF NUCLEAR COOPERATION AGREEMENT. DELZIO RELATED CONVERSATION PREVIOUS DAY WITH UNDERSECRETARY MINISTRY OF ELECTRICITY MAHER ABAZA IN WHICH ABAZA HAD SAID THAT EGYPT HAD ALREADY RECEIVED NEW LANGUAGE WHICH ASSURES CONFORMITY WITH 1978 NONPROLIFERATION LEGISLATION AND THAT DEPUTY PRIMIN SULTAN, ON BEHALF OF GOE, HAS ALREADY "APPROVED" IT.
2. ABAZA TOLD DELZIO AMENDMENTS HAD BEEN PROVIDED BY UNDERSECRETARY BENSON DURING SULTAN'S VISIT TO WASHINGTON IN SEPTEMBER 1977. CHARGE SAID THAT WE HAD PREVIOUSLY HEARD MENTION OF AMENDMENTS BY ABAZA BUT WE ARE NOT AWARE OFFICIALLY OF ANY SUCH PROPOSALS BEING PUT FORWARD BY UNDERSECRETARY BENSON. DOE AND OTHER WASHINGTON AGENCIES,
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CHARGE NOTED, ARE NOW IN PROCESS OF STUDYING OUR AGREEMENTS WITH ISRAEL AND EGYPT TO DETERMINE WHAT CHANGES NEED TO BE MADE TO ASSURE CONFORMITY WITH NEW LEGISLATION. ONCE WE HAVE NEW LANGUAGE TO PROPOSE OFFICIALLY, WE WILL APPROACH EGYPTIANS FOR THEIR APPROVAL. ONE POSSIBLY COMPLICATING FACTOR, CHARGE REMARKED, IS THAT MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS APPEARS MUCH MORE INTERESTED IN AGREEMENT

THAN WAS CASE DURING NEGOTIATIONS IN 1976. THIS MAY HAVE EFFECT OF SLOWING DOWN ANXIOUS MINISTRY OF ELECTRICITY OFFICIALS WHO WANT TO GET ON WITH AGREEMENT AND PROJECT.

3. AS WAY OF MOVING SITUATION FORWARD, DELZIO SAID THAT MINISTRY OF ELECTRICITY NEGOTIATORS HAD PROPOSED TO CHANGE CURRENT MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING INTO PROVISIONAL CONTRACT, WITH ALL REMAINING POINTS OF DIFFERENCE BEING IRONED OUT, IN ANTICIPATION OF EARLY CONCLUSION AND APPROVAL OF AGREEMENT.

4. DELZIO THEN ASKED ABOUT CONGRESSIONAL STRATEGY. WESTINGHOUSE NOTED THAT ISRAEL HAS SHELVED ITS PLANS FOR NUCLEAR REACTOR, PREFERRING INSTEAD TO CONSIDER SEVERAL THERMAL UNITS, AT LEAST FOR TIME BEING. GOI, THEREFORE, PRESUMABLY WILL HAVE NO IMMEDIATE INTEREST IN CONCLUDING AGREEMENT, ESPECIALLY IN LIGHT OF NECESSITY FOR SAFE-GUARDS FOR ALL EXISTING FACILITIES. THAT WOULD LEAVE EGYPTIAN AGREEMENT STANDING ALONE (WESTINGHOUSE SEEMED THINK THAT FINAL DECISION ON IRANIAN PACKAGE HAD ALREADY BEEN MADE). CHARGE SAID THIS WOULD HAVE TO BE LEFT TO THOSE RESPONSIBLE AT TIME OF SUBMISSION. ONE MEMBER OF DELEGATION NOTED THAT CONGRESSIONAL SESSION MAY NOT HAVE EVEN NOW SIXTY WORKING DAYS STIPULATED FOR AGREEMENT TO BE BEFORE CONGRESS. WE MAY BE LOOKING TOWARD FURTHER DELAY, THEREFORE, NO MATTER WHAT HAPPENS.
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5. DELZIO DID SAY THAT WESTINGHOUSE WASHINGTON WOULD BE APPROACHING DEPARTMENT FOR FURTHER DISCUSSIONS. MAHER ABAZA HAD ALREADY TOLD THEM THAT MFA LEGAL AFFAIRS DIRECTOR ELARABY WILL BE DISCUSSING MATTER DURING UPCOMING VISIT TO U.S. (SEE REFTEL).

6. AT CONCLUSION OF DISCUSSION, DELZIO SAID UNDERSECRETARY ABAZA HAD SHOWN HIM AGREEMENT WHICH WAS TO BE SIGNED FOLLOWING DAY BETWEEN GOE AND FRG PERTAINING TO SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNICAL COOPERATION (SEE SEPTTEL). ACCORDING DELZIO, WEST GERMANS WILL PROVIDE EGYPT WITH ZERO MEGAWATT RESEARCH REACTOR AND ASSISTANCE IN DEVELOPING NEW RESEARCH FACILITY. AS DELZIO RATHER POINTEDLY OBSERVED, THIS COULD BE FIRST FOREIGN FOOT IN THE NUCLEAR POWER GENERATION DOOR AND HE URGED US TO COMPLETE NUCLEAR COOPERATION AGREEMENT AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE. MATTHEWS

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